



## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Carlow University

And

Butler County Community College

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Carlow University (CU) and Butler County Community College (BC3) to engage in an educational collaboration.

### **Background**

The need for BSN prepared nurses is increasing in our region and nationally. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the projected job outlook for RNs between 2016-2026 is expected to be 15%, much faster than average. Quality patient care is directly related to a well-educated and adequate nursing workforce.

Increasing the numbers of RNs and other healthcare providers prepared to adapt to the changing marketplace requires educational preparation commensurate with the diversified responsibilities required of them. Carlow University is a recognized leader in the preparation of nurses across all levels of education from the BSN to the DNP. It also has a successful history of educational partnerships.

BC3 and CU have similar missions designed to elevate through education, focus on connecting professional goals with service to the greater good, and the sacredness of creation in all aspects. This shared commitment to values, provides a common foundation that facilitates the collaborate work.

**Purpose**

This MOU will establish an academic partnership that will contribute to meeting the educational needs of those who want to pursue a career as a professional nurse with a BSN degree.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- 1) CU and BC3 will work together to form a 3+1 educational pathway that will begin with enrollment at BC3 and continue with completion of the CU RN to BSN degree.
- 2) BC3 will be responsible for providing classes needed to complete a full Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) and CU will be responsible for delivering post ADN curriculum through our RN to BSN program.
- 3) BC3 students currently enrolled in the ADN program, who are progressing according to the academic standards required by BC3, who are in good standing, are able to take one 3 or 4 credit class at Carlow, prior to graduating from the ADN program. This course will be billed at the BC3 rate and will count for transfer into our RN to BSN Program.
- 4) CU's RN -BSN nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and Middle States Commission on Higher Education. CU will be responsible for submitting the appropriate documentation for extending the approvals from these organizations to the new site.
- 5) The primary population focus for the RN- BSN program will be ADN college students at BC3.
- 6) BC3 and CU will market the program to currently enrolled ADN students at BC3

**Reporting**

From CU, Dean of the College of Health and Wellness will be the primary point of contact and from BC3, Dean for Nursing and Allied Health, will be the primary point of contact for this collaboration.

**Funding**

This MOU is not a commitment of funds but an understanding between the partners.

**Intellectual Property Rights**

CU and BC3 will retain the intellectual property rights to copyrighted materials provided by them as part of this partnership

**Duration**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from CU and BC3. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from CU and BC3 and will remain in effect until modified by mutual consent or terminated by either party.

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Dean, College of Health and Wellness, Carlow University

9.18.18 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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(Partner Signature)  
Dean for Nursing and Allied Health

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